

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Agenda (Tuesday, September 17, 2019)  
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy  
Commissioner Eric Colvin  
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner John E. O'Connor  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

## **1. WELCOME**

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of September 10, 2019, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

## **2. PROCLAMATION**

A Proclamation was presented for Constitution Week.

## **3. COMMENDATION**

A Commendation was presented to Wynne Briscoe - Maryland's SBDC 2019 State Star

## **4. PRESENTATION**

### **A. INVITATION TO THE 73RD ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR**

**Present:** John Richards, President, St. Mary's County Fair Association, Inc.

Mr. Richards provided history of the County Fair and formally invited the Commissioners to attend.

## **5. MAIN AGENDA ITEM**

### **A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Presentation of 2020 Legislative Proposals**

**Present:** David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Twenty-two legislative proposals were presented to the Commissioners for their review and consideration. The Commissioners voted to send a letter of non-support on one item and will vote on the remainder of the proposals at their September 24, 2019 meeting.

I make a motion to send a letter of non-support for Item Number 22, Amendment to Public Safety Article §12-514(A)(1)(iii).

Motion by Commissioner John E O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

### **B. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Request for Public Hearing - Repeal and Replace Ordinance No. 2019-21 to Allow Private Landing Strips and Private Helipads in the Resource Conservation Area Critical Area Overlay**

I move to schedule a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed new ordinance to allow private landing strips and helipads in the RCA Critical Area Overlay.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

## **6. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

### **A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR SEPTEMBER 24 AND OCTOBER 1, 2019.**

### **B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - St. Mary's Metropolitan Commission Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of infrastructure bonds**

I move to approve and adopt the Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond for capital projects as identified in the approved Department of Housing and Community Development Loan Application in an amount not to exceed \$8,350,000 in accordance with Section 113-6.A. of the Code of St. Mary's County.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**C. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Tobacco Enforcement Initiative Agreement for FY2020**

I move to approve the FY2020 Agreement between St. Mary's County Health Department and the Sheriff's Office, Project MD2043, for tobacco sales enforcement in the amount of \$8,250 and authorize the Sheriff to execute the agreement; and to approve the related budget amendment to increase the project budget authorizing the Commissioner President to execute any related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**D. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - Sex Offender Registration Reimbursement Grant Award**

I move to approve the Sex Offender Registration Reimbursement Grant Award, Project MD2046, from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on behalf of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$23,200 for reimbursement of sex offender registration activities and authorize the Sheriff to execute the related Registration Reimbursement Approval Form; and approve the related budget amendment to increase and realign the project budget and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**E. SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND SMCPS - School Resource Officer (SRO) / Adequate Coverage Grant Application**

I move to approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) / Adequate Coverage Grant Application, Project MD2015 from Maryland on behalf of the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$198,020 which involves 2 deputy positions not included in the FY20 approved budget, and authorize the Sheriff and the Commissioner President to execute any related documents, and authorize staff to submit electronically.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**F. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - Maryland Bikeways Program  
Funding Grant Award**

I move to approve the FY2020 Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Maryland Bikeways Program Grant Award, on behalf of the Department of Recreation and Parks, in the amount of \$624,940, for the Three Notch Trail Phase Seven project #RP1501 and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**G. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - St. Mary's County  
Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board**

I move that the resolution and bylaws be adopted as proposed and the Commissioners of St. Mary's County approve the establishment of the St. Mary's County Plumbing and Fuel Gas Advisory Board and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**H. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's County  
Regional Airport Avigation Easement**

I move to approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the purchase agreement for avigation easement E45 in support of the St. Mary's County Regional Airport Master Plan.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**I. DEPARTMENT OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - Revised FY2019 Notification of  
Grant Award for the Title III Federal Grants**

I move to approve the revised Title III Older Americans Act grant award, Projects US 1902, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1908, 1909 and 1933 from the Maryland Department of Aging on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services for various programs and services provided to the seniors of St. Mary's County in the amount of \$376,814 and the seven related budget amendments that include a new increase of \$55,804 in grant funding and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

## **8. CLOSED SESSION**

### **MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

I move to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel and Litigation.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

### **A. PERSONNEL**

Present: James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 3:37 p.m. - 3:41 p.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the salary of a specific employee.

### **B. PERSONNEL**

Present: James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 3:42 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the debt forgiveness request of a specific retiree.

### **C. LITIGATION**

Present: James R. Guy, President  
Eric Colvin, Commissioner  
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner  
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner  
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner  
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator  
David Weiskopf, County Attorney  
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(2) of the *Local Government* Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 3:46 p.m. - 3:59 p.m.

Location: John Savich Meeting Room

Purpose: To discuss strategy for potential Litigation.

### **D. MOTIONS IN OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION 1:** I move to approve the contract amendment, effective September 19, 2019, for St. Mary's County Government Golf Course Manager Nicholas Isom and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**MOTION 2:** I move to approve forgiving the June 2018 health premium as requested.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

**9. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on September 24, 2019.

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Sharon Ferris, Administrative Assistant